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Hopefully, it is visible to all of you that things are changing here at Pride Northwest, Inc. We've taken the time to solicit your input and have acted upon many of your comments and suggestions. For years, we've listened to community feedback about how the waterfront festival is not a prized venue. So, in response, this year Pride Northwest has partnered with many community based organizations to bring you a wider variety of Pride events.

Take advantage of this year's theme, "Get Your Pride On!" and take yourself to one or all of the events we have planned during a full week of Pride festivities!

Whatever your desire, we have something for you. Take your family to the Zoo for a picnic lunch and live music concert. If you haven't already learned what the buzz is about; visit the Q Center during their Welcome Wagon. Support Portland's Latino Gay community as they celebrate their first Pride event ever! Sail with us on the 2006 Pride Cruise and enjoy dinner and dancing on the Willamette River. Join us at the Pride Film Night where we will present two new and fabulous films; Loving Annabelle and Strangers with Candy. Don't miss the Parade Grand Marshal Reception and the opportunity to spend an evening with Colonel Grethe Cammermeyer, Ret. And last, but not least, for the athletic at heart; join us for the Pride Fun Run! Additional information about all of these events may be found on page 10 of this guide or visit www.pridenw.org for more information.

And for those of you who attend the 2006 Pride Festival, check out our entertainment line-up. We're certain to have some of your favorite local and national artists performing. We've also gone to great lengths to improve food selections at the festival. Cruise the food vendors and you'll discover delectable delights served by: Baja Grill, DeAngelos, Mouth Watering Catering, Northwest Smoothie, Thai Pepper, Two Guys and a Grill, and Authentic Polish Cuisine.

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Pride Northwest, Inc.

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Pride celebrations have been held in Portland since the 1970's. In 1994, the original board of directors of Pride Northwest created a 501c3 organization and held their first meeting. Since that time, the board and the event have grown considerably.

Today, Pride Northwest is made up of a dynamic group of individuals from many different backgrounds who are dedicated to providing a venue for our queer community to gather and celebrate. The mission of Pride Northwest, Inc. is to encourage and celebrate the positive diversity of the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender communities, and to assist in the education of all people through the development of activities that showcase the history, accomplishments and talents of these communities.

Like you, we all want to make a difference! To create an event that is inclusive as well as representative of the diverse facets of our community, your participation is required. We are currently recruiting board members and strongly encourage YOU to apply. Whatever your interests, talents or skills; you have something to contribute. We look forward to continuing to serve our community and hope that many of you will join us!

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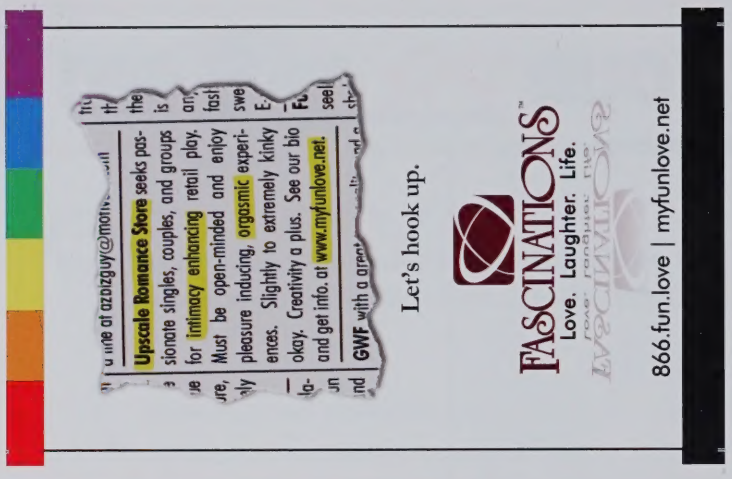
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2006 Champion Of Pride Recipient

After five years at the helm of Basic Rights Oregon, Roey Thorpe has announced plans to leave her role as Executive Director to assume a new leadership position in the national movement to secure equal marriage rights for lesbian and gay couples and their families.

"I'm exceptionally proud of all of the hard work and accomplishments our staff and board produced during my tenure and I know that they will continue to serve as remarkable leaders for Oregon's GLBT community in the days to follow," said Thorpe. "The decision to leave this incredible organization is bittersweet and I will miss my work here. But I will also continue to stand side-by-side Oregonians in this movement and remain one of BRO's staunchest supporters."

Since taking the top position at Oregon's largest and most influential statewide GLBT-rights organization in 2001, Thorpe has moved Basic Rights Oregon from an organization that lacked direction, focus, stability and influence after years of hard fought ballot measure campaigns, to one that is now widely recognized as a thriving, effective and respected political powerhouse.

While with Basic Rights Oregon, Thorpe led Oregon through a tight election campaign against an anti-gay constitutional amendment, tenaciously spearheaded creative legislative and litigation strategies and contributed her expertise to the growth of BRO and to colleagues in the Equality Federation of LGBT statewide organizations around the country. Under her leadership, Basic Rights Oregon and its allies built a diverse and powerful team of non-GLBT and GLBT activists, business and labor leaders, religious and civic leaders, and coalition partners that is a model to others in the movement.

Pride Northwest, Inc. would like to recognize Roey Thorpe for her personal sacrifice, personal investment and tireless commitment to the struggle for equality. We wish her well in her new venture.

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Pride Zoo Picnic
Saturday, June 10, 2006
Oregon Zoo, Washington Park, Portland, OR
10:00 AM - 2:00PM
Cost of admission: $10.00 per adult/ Children FREE!
Tickets available at www.TicketLeap.com

Join Pride Northwest, Inc. at the Oregon Zoo for a day of animal watching, community celebration and good eats! We will enjoy all of the festivities a day at the Oregon Zoo has to offer and convene for a community barbecue picnic lunch with live music at Noon.

Q Center Welcome Wagon
Monday, June 12, 2006
Q Center, 1028 SE Water Ave, #145, Portland, OR
5:30-7:30PM
Cost of admission: FREE!

New to Portland? Not so new to Portland, but want to meet new friends? Join the Q Center crew and our organizational partners in welcoming new gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, queer and questioning people to P-town in our first social networking event. Make new connections. Meet representatives from 20+ queer-friendly organizations. Find new opportunities to get involved. Meet new people, business contacts, even dates, while enjoying a DJ and plenty of nibbles. See what all the buzz is about at Q Center!

Noche de la Familia y Mariposas
Tuesday, June 13, 2006
Jupiter Hotel - Dream Box and Courtyard , Portland, OR
6pm - 9pm Program
9pm - 11pm Baile (dance)
Cost of admission: FREE!

Pride Northwest, Inc., El Hispanic News and the Jupiter Hotel invite you to a special evening of "familia y amigos". As proud Gay Latinos/Latinas, join to celebrate their history, culture, and PRIDE. Community leaders and organizations will share the stage with local performers and entertainers. We promise to have plenty of food, music, and merriment for everyone. Become a part of this historic event!

Portland's 2006 Pride Cruise
Wednesday, June 14, 2006
Caruthers Landing boarding site, Portland, OR
7:00 PM Cost of admission: $60.00 per person
(21 and older, photo ID required)

Portland's 2006 Pride Cruise - continued
Tickets available at www.TicketLeap.com

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2006 Pride Film Night
Thursday, June 15, 2006
Hollywood Theatre, Portland, OR
7:00PM – Loving Annabelle
9:00PM – Strangers With Candy
Cost of admission: $10 per film
Tickets available at www.TicketLeap.com

Join Pride Northwest, Inc. and the Portland Lesbian and Gay Film Festival as we bring you a celebration of queer cinema. For information abut the two separate films, visit: www.pridenw.org.

2006 Pride Parade Grand Marshal Reception
Friday, June 16, 2006
Tuscany Room, Hotel Vintage Plaza, Portland, OR
6:30-8:00PM
Cost of admission: $10
Tickets available on www.Ticketleap.com

Spend an evening with Colonel Grethe Cammermeyer, Ret. Hear the inspiring story of Col. Cammermeyer, a Vietnam veteran, recipient of the Bronze Star and V.A. Nurse of the Year and her challenge against the US military policy of "Don't Ask, Don't Tell".

2006 Pride Fun Run!
Saturday, June 17, 2006
Tom McCall Waterfront Park, Portland, OR
11:15AM
Registration: $15.00 per adult or $25 per family (2 or more)
Register online at: www.pridenw.org

Join Pride Northwest, Inc. and the Portland Frontrunners as we launch Portland's 2006 Pride Festival with a fun run along downtown Portland's Westbank Esplanade. Your registration fee includes a commemorative tee shirt.

PRIDE ATTRACTIONS

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Picture a DVD of yourself and two of your closest friends singing karaoke style to your favorite tunes with your head superimposed on the body of a professional dancer! Come on out and experience this hilarious production! Each singer will receive a DVD of their own performance to share with family and friends.
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1:15 -1:45	Imperial Rose Court
1:50 -2:10	The Shannon Tower Band
2:15 -2:35	Carlyle
2:40 -3:00	Vontanner
3:00 -3:10	Cascade AIDS Project
3:10 -3:15	Brother To Brother
3:15 -3:20	Basic Rights Oregon
3:20 -3:45	Leather Community performance
3:45 -4:15	Planned Parenthood Teen Theater
4:15 -4:45	Blondage
4:45 -4:50	Board Introductions
4:50 -5:00	Spirit of Pride Awards
5:00 -5:20	TOMMY Live On Stage
5:20 -5:50	Rose City Swing Band
5:55 -6:20	Androgene
6:20 -6:50	Slow Mo Erotic
6:50 -6:55	Bear Dance
7:00 -7:30	Steff Mahan
7:35 -8:05	The Molli Paige Band
8:10 -8:25	The Detail
8:25 -9:00	TBA
9:10 -11:00	The Kim Archer Band

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Slow Mo Erotic

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Jimmy Roland

Lipstick Conspiracy

Blondage

Sunday, June 18

1:00 -1:30	Portland Gay Men's Chorus
1:35 -1:50	Keynote – Grethe Cammermeyer
1:50 -2:20	Lipstick Conspiracy
2:25 -3:00	Shann Carr
3:00 -3:30	Jill Sobule
3:30 -3:35	PDX Stars Winner
3:35 -4:05	Jimmy Roland
4:10 -4:55	Lynn Frances Anderson
5:05 -5:55	BETTY
5:55 -6:00	Closing Address

The Kim Archer Band

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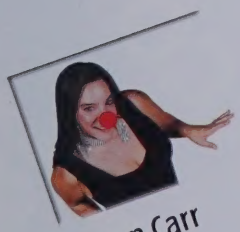

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Androgene born and raised in Northern Nigeria, a shy and introverted child, was already showing signs of bearing a special gift. She began singing at the age of 6 and by 11 had joined the local choir where she remained an active member for 6 years. At age 13, she had hosted a national teenage talk show and acted in several student movies. By the age of 17, Androgene had moved to London to further her education, obtaining her bachelor of arts degree in social policy and administration as well as starting her master of business management degree. She then moved to Los Angeles. Upon her arrival, Androgene successfully completed the degree, and took on the role of manager at a Beverly Hills art gallery. These were not enough for Androgene though, as Hollywood had re-ignited her longtime dream and passion for entertainment. With a quiet confidence and a very unique look; this multi-cultural singer/songwriter, actress and model is destined to make a huge and lasting impression in the entertainment industry.
www.androgenousone.com

BETTY is a five-piece pop rock band fronted by Elizabeth Ziff, Alyson Palmer and Amy Ziff. The band's unique sound is a blend of tight harmonies layered over rocking guitars and a solid rhythm section. Since 1986, BETTY has performed their memorable live show – full of exciting, hook-laden songs, clever word play and manic energy – in clubs, theatres and arenas all over the world. BETTY's national tour of their hit Off-Broadway show, BETTY RULES (directed by Michael "Rent" Greif), their controversial new theme song for Showtime Television's most popular show, THE L WORD, and their acting appearances on that program have catapulted this deeply beloved cult band to wilder international recognition.
www.hellobetty.com

Blondage after nearly four years as Portland's Premier Blondie Tribute, is still going strong! The band formed in 2001 and has been burning up the west coast ever since. Playing such venues as the Crystal Ballroom, Satyricon, Dante's, Lola's Room and many, many others, they have successfully managed to capture Blondie's style and sound, while still injecting their own brand of humor and showmanship into their performance.
www.blondagetheband.com

Carlyle is a three-piece band that plays a wide variety of songs from all genres. Though they readily admit they are not a "Dance Band", the band refuses to be categorized in any type of musical category as they like and perform all types of music from light jazz, blues, folk & pop. "Eclectic" most accurately describes their sound.
www.carlylemusic.com

Derek Hartley and Romaine Patterson appearing as our guest emcees; will host the main stage at the 2006 Portland Pride Festival. Derek and Romaine can be heard fresh daily 6-10pm ET on Sirius OUTQ 106. When the light of day begins to fade, the heat of the night takes on a life of its own, fueled by their outrageously funny and frisky humor. From personal ads to porn stars, astrology to ass-timonials, this is the hottest talk on talk radio! Exclusively on Sirius Satellite Radio.
www.derekandromaine.com

Jill Sobule belongs to a rare breed of artists. Her work is at once deeply personal and socially conscious, seriously funny and derisively tragic. Over five albums and a decade of recording, the Denver-born songwriter/guitarist/singer has tackled such topics as the death penalty, anorexia, shoplifting, reproduction, the French resistance movement, adolescence, and the Christian right. Did we mention love? Love found, love lost, love wished for and love taken away.

While her songs cover a huge amount of ground, they all have benefitted greatly from Jill's subtle intelligence and skillful light-handedness. No sloganeering flag-and-fist waving here, but rather story songs about human beings, real and imagined, which allow us to step back from the issue, be it personal or social, and relate to it as we would a close friend. To see Jill live and in concert is a rare treat. It is on stage that she is most comfortable, most powerful, and where the delicacy and range of her work can be best appreciated. She entertains, amuses, provokes, and more often then not, takes her audiences on an emotional roller coaster, from comedy to pathos in a few bars of music.
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Jimmy Roland born on the fourteenth day of September, in the small town of Taylor, Texas; it was apparent that this Virgo was headed for stardom. From pretending that pot lids were tambourines and tabletops, pianos, this kid had no problem keeping himself amused. He comes from a musical family that includes cousin, R&B diva, Kelly Price and also nephew, ABC Eyewitness News Reporter, Leo Stallworth. He is an accomplished singer, actor and songwriter. He is also known for his ability to take a cover song and make it his own.
www.jimmyroland.com

Lipstick Conspiracy "America's premier trans band." This multi-influenced power pop band is no stranger to great press. They were christened "The Fabulous 5" by the East Bay Express, cited in the San Francisco Bay Guardian's 'Best of the Bay' issue as BEST GIRL BAND 2004, recently the featured artist on PlanetOut, and earned a Stonewall Award, while their debut CD, "Don't Tell A Soul", has been garnering steady air-play on national mainstream and college radio stations, various Internet radio programs, and international stations from Canada and Mexico, to Belgium, Italy and Serbia. Fresh from their stunning victory during the first and second rounds of the Emergenza international battle of the bands, and their 2005 Northwest Passage 'Miniskirts & Minibars' tour, and a string of summer and fall gigs throughout the greater San Francisco Bay Area, "the band with the plan" is poised for new heights and new adventures! Stay tuned, as more history-making is in the offing.
www.lipstickconspiracy.com

Lynn Frances Anderson a powerhouse singer-songwriter, recently released her third CD, Born Lucky. Born Lucky features mandolin/fiddle virtuoso, Joe Craven (David Grisman Quintet) and slide master, Kirby Kelley. Kirby Kelley is currently performing with blues legend, Bugs Henderson. Anderson's commitment to positive and inspiring songwriting weaves through the recording. From the encouraging ballad, "Hold On" to the ripping ska-infused rocker, "Painful", the songs are artfully arranged. The first singles from this CD are "Time to Learn to Heal", "Road to New Orleans", "I'm Not Sorry". Her music is insightful, inspiring, sensual and fun.
www.lynnfrancesanderson.com

Planned Parenthood's Teen Theater has been performing original plays for 19 years, promoting healthy sexuality for youth and families. The company's unique blend of outrageous humor, music and heartfelt true-to life stories has earned much acclaim, including state and national awards, and a loyal local following. Based in Medford/Ashland area, the troupe is highly regarded by the LGBT community. The Teen Theatre courageously confronts homophobia in the public schools and is always a highlight at the community's annual Lambda Awards.
www.pphsso.org/education/teentheater.htm

Portland Gay Men's Chorus is dedicated to promoting harmony among all people and a positive attitude towards the gay community. Founded in 1980, the PGMC is the nation's fourth oldest gay-identified chorus. The PGMC aspires to expand, redefine and perfect the choral art through eclectic performances that honor and uplift the gay community and affirm the worth of all people. The PGMC inspires leadership within the gay community and is an active partner in the regional arts.
www.pdxgmc.org

Shann Carr "She's witty, she's wonderful, she's the gay man's Wesbian!" raved Elmer Fudd. With 20 years of gay stand up experience at her hip, comedian Shann Carr weaves a storytelling style that makes you feel like you're sitting in your living room with an eccentric friend who has your whole dinner party in stitches.

Since 2000 Shann has been the sole lesbian entertainer on over 20 Atlantis cruises. "That's right 2000 gay men... and me...on a boat!" She knows her gay men and they love her. "My mom was worried sending me out to sea. She consoled herself by guessing that if there were problems, women and children would get off first. I laughed and told her 'On this trip I think twinkies and queens are first. Heck, they're expecting the dyke to fix the ship before it goes down!' "
www.shanncarr.com

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Slow Mo Erotic is the brainchild of Kevin and Matt, boyfriends of almost 2 years, who eat, sleep, and rehearse from their little house in Glendale, California. While Kevin is busy writing the quirky pop songs on his piano, Matt is perfecting the coinciding beats and grooves. Much like the Dresden Dolls, and Mates of State before them, Slow Mo Erotic balances catchy choruses and edgy lyrics ("Won't you please stop fucking with me head? Won't you please just fuck me instead?") with a musicianship that is unique to them.
www.slowmoerotic.com

Steff Mahan Sweet and soulful is the sound of alt-country's Steff Mahan. With a voice that is pure and powerful as it is soft and sultry. Steff's lyrics are heart-crafted and rock solid. She's a natural born storyteller with the voice, music and charisma to grab her audiences every time.

Steff Mahan's debut album "Love Me Enough" garnered national attention, creating a coast-to-coast fan base from L.A. to New York. 42.50, Steff Mahan's second album for Lounge Hound Records, is a compelling collection of people, places and stories from life on the road. 42.50 rocks with the talents of Will Kimbrough, Brother Henry, and J.D. Wilkes of the Legendary Shack Shakers.
www.steffmahan.com

The Detail Known as the premiere Hip Hop Company of the Northwest, The Detail is famed for its incomparable athleticism, energy, and innovative choreography. The dancers have trained extensively in all backgrounds including African, tap, contemporary/modern, and ballet, and have performed professionally for companies such as the Northwest Afrikan American Ballet, Oregon Ballet Theater, in shows like "A Night with Gregory Hines," in industrial shows for Nike, Columbia Sportswear, and Radio Disney, and in commercial work including music videos with Britney Spears, Janet Jackson, Jessica Simpson, Black Eyed Peas, and more.

The Kim Archer Band Since her first live performances as a child at county fairs and community events, Kim has continued to draw crowds with her powerful voice and captivating stage presence. A natural entertainer, Kim's voice has been described as having the power of Tina Turner, the conviction of Janis Joplin, and the soul of Aretha Franklin & Chaka Khan.
www.kimarcherband.com

The Molli Paige Band The Molli Paige Band, with its versatile mixture of talent, dishes out creative blends of pop/rock/blues, laced with some acoustic funk.

The lush vocals of lead singer, Molli Paige, are powerful and sensual and her introspective lyrics are infused with an uplifting vibe! Rhonda Piasecki has added her talents to the mix, playing the drums with her salient and distinctive style. Corrin Rosasco complements each song with her defined and personal phrasing on bass. And, as the newest element to the band, Joseph's edgy blues style and lyrical phrasing have fused perfectly with the feel of the band.

Together, they've been able to create a sound that's honest, unrefined and intriguing. And, they continue to capture the music-lovers in the Northwest, sharing their original songs and some selective cover tunes.
www.sonicbids.com/themollipaigeband

The Rose City Swing Band a traditional 16-piece swing band and sub-group of the original Rose City Gay Freedom Band (RCGFB), was born in the spring of 1993. In addition to comprising of some of Portland's most wonderfully talented musicians, Rose City Swing is delighted to be accompanied by two very fine vocalists.

Rose City Swing performs a wide variety of music ranging from the fabulous swing hits of the 30's, to some of the more recent hits of the 90's. If you close your eyes, you can almost see Fred and Ginger elegantly dancing to String of Pearls.
www.rcgfb.org

The Shannon Tower Band Shannon Tower is a singer, songwriter and guitarist with her own unique style of music that crosses between alternative and folk. With her unique vocal style and writing abilities, her songs are both haunting and energetic. Her message is as much politically relevant as it is personal. Self taught guitarist since the age of 23, Shannon started to combine her talent for lyrical poetry with songs composed on her guitar. Using a unique rhythmic pulse of the music, her unorthodox playing technique appears both fluid and percussive. Shannon writes about many of life's situations, these include the Iraq war in her song "POWER PLAY". Homelessness, poverty and the real consequences that are incurred in her song "THINK
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ABOUT IT". "BEHIND CLOSED DOORS" is a song that stems from personal experience with a mother's abusive behavior and neglect. Music has always been apart of Shannon's life. Such artists as Bob Dylan...Joni Mitchell... Paul Simon...Peter Gabriel...Natalie Merchant and Ani Difranco have influenced her.
www.shannontowerband.com

TOMMY Live on Stage
In the spring of 2004, Live On Stage was founded by a group of Portlanders with a passion for performing arts. We are composed of artists, audience members and arts advocates who see an opportunity to develop broader support for our amazing local talent, and to build new appreciation for the arts in Portland and the surrounding communities through live performances and programming. Live On Stage will present The Who's Tommy October 5th - 28th at the World Trade Center Theatre. The Who's Tommy is the story of a young boy's journey from pain to triumph. The classic high-energy rock score includes the hit songs Pinball Wizard, The Acid Queen, See Me, Feel Me and many more. Don't miss this one-of-a-kind theatrical event! For tickets and information visit: www.liveonstage.us or call 503-280-LIVE.

VonTanner Chris VonTanner's (aka Chris Tanner's) first recordings, 'The Sensitive Little Boy' and 'Brothers', were released on Folkways Records in 1978 on the compilation LP entitled, "Walls to Roses: Songs of changing men".

In 1987, The Smithsonian Institute realizing just how important the Folkways Collection was and wanting to preserve it for future generations, purchased the entire Folkways catalog putting Chris and two of his songs in the permanent archives of The Smithsonian Institute. Since then Chris has released 9 cds with his partner, husband, drummer and syncopator of his heart, Michael VonTanner. Their 10th cd "Tell the Truth" will be released on their own label, Scream-like-a-girl Records just in time for Pride 2006.

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Colonel Grethe Cammermeyer, Ret., RN, PhD

Colonel Grethe Cammermeyer, RN, PhD: USA retired nurse, soldier, political activist, mom, grandmother, and student, is an avid spokesperson for lifting the ban against gays and lesbians in the military. Using the military as the paradigm she weaves stories of social change, stressing the necessity to change the military as well as the corporate workplace to an accommodating environment for everyone.

The challenge to the sexual minority community in disclosing and the challenge to the sexual majority to feel less threatened is illustrated as she shares anecdotes about grappling with her own sexuality, dealing with her children, being a political candidate and now an activist.

During her military career she challenged policies that discriminated against married women, and married women who became pregnant. In 1989, Colonel Cammermeyer, having served for 25 years, challenged the military's anti-gay regulation. Her story drew national attention since she was nationally recognized as a specialist in neuroscience nursing, was Veterans Administration Nurse of the year in 1985, had earned the Bronze Star for Service in Vietnam, was Chief Nurse of the Washington National Guard, and had an earned Ph.D. in Nursing Science. Her book Serving in Silence (with Chris Fisher) was published in 1994. In 1995 a made-for-television movie, Serving in Silence, in which Glenn Close portrayed Colonel Cammermeyer was aired earning the Peabody award and three Emmy Awards.

The Cost of Serving in Silence

The cost of serving and living in silence is extraordinary to the individual, the family, the corporate world, the church and reality. It is not just a simple "why can't you just be quiet?" as Senator Warner asked Colonel Cammermeyer at the Senate Armed Services hearing in 1993 on lifting the ban against homosexuals serving in the military. Col. Dr. Margarethe Cammermeyer's compelling story of trials and tribulation in the military, to running for public office, to dealing with children and grandchildren give her a unique perspective of the costs and benefits of an open accepting society and work environment.

The weaving of her own experiences with the changes in society makes the topic of gays in the military and in society and ever present and challenging topic of her lectures and discussions. Demystifying the unknown is the only way to challenge even subliminal biases. The benefits are in providing a safer work place, challenging prejudices, providing security with respect to home family and community. It occurs one person at a time coming out and speaking their truth. Colonel Cammermeyer's truth cost a military future and gained her the respect and integrity of all who hear her story. Her story is an exemplar of the lives of thousands unsung and unheard in America.

Spend an evening with Colonel Cammermeyer at the Pride Northwest Grand Marshal Reception. Friday, June 16, 2006 in the Tuscany Room of the Hotel Vintage Plaza. 422 SW Broadway Portland, OR. Tickets $10.00 available at www.TicketLeap.com.

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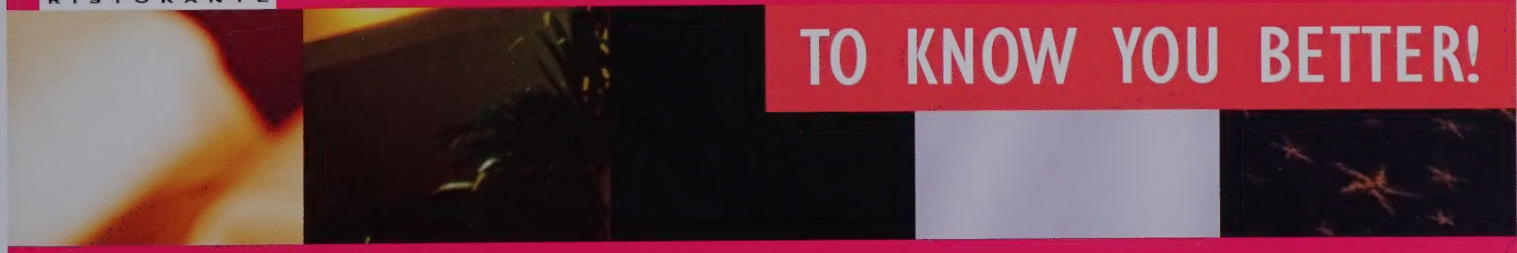

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